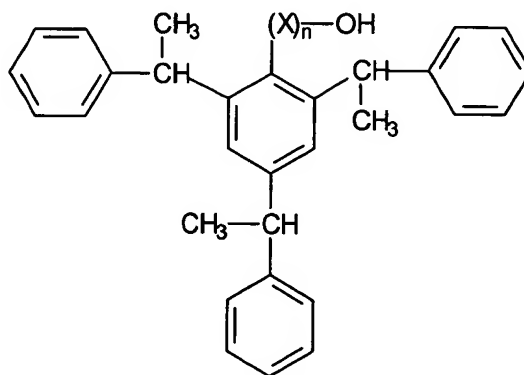


Claims:

1. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition which comprises:
 - 5 (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) a tristyrylphenolethoxylate compound;
 - (c) optionally, one or more deterative surfactants particularly selected from carboxylate, nonionic,
10 cationic and amphoteric surfactants;
 - (d) optionally, one or more organic solvents;
 - (e) water.
2. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
15 according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of (d) one or more organic solvents.
3. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
20 according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of (c) one or more deterative surfactants.
4. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
25 according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of both (c) one or more deterative surfactants and (d) one or more organic solvents.
5. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
30 according to any preceeding claim wherein the (a) cationic surfactant having germicidal properties is a quaternary ammonium compound.

6. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to any preceding claim wherein the (b) tristyrylphenolalkoxylate compound may be represented by the following structure:



wherein:

- 10 n is a value from 1 - 50; and,
 X represents one or more alkoxy groups.
7. The composition according to claim 6 wherein X represents one or more ethoxy
 15 (-OCH₂CH₂-) and/or propoxy (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂-) groups.
8. The composition according to claim 7 wherein n has a value from 1 - 40.
- 20 9. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1, 3 or 5 wherein the (d) one or more organic solvents are selected from: alcohols, ethers glycol ethers, lower esters of monoalkylethers of ethylene glycol or propylene glycol, as well as
 25 mixtures thereof.

10. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
according to claim 1, 2, or 5 wherein the (c) one or
more deterative surfactants are selected from
5 carboxylate, nonionic, cationic and amphoteric
surfactants.
11. A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition
substantially described with reference to the
10 Examples.